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TAGS: CASC (WU, PETER H.), CH, HK CJAN
SUBJECT: CHINESE "APPROVE" NEXT CONSULAR VISIT ON
HARRY WU; TIMING "UNDER CONSIDERATION"

REP: BEIJING 33288 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING EMBASSY CONSOFF'S JULY 26 AND 27
TELEPHONE CALLS TO HUBEI PROVINCIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICIALS REPEATING OUR REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TOMAKE A SECOND VISIT TO HARRY WU, HUBEI FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OFFICIAL CHEN LIWEN CALLED US AT OOB ON
JULY 28 AND INFORMED ACS CHIEF THAT "THE RELEVANT
CHINESE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT" HAS AGREED TO
ARRANGE FOR A CONSULAR VISIT ON HARRY WU.2. THE TIMING OF THE VISIT, ACCORDING TO CHEN, IS
CURRENTLY "UNDER CONSIDERATION" AND WILL BE SET
"AFTER FURTHER RESEARCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE
35 OF THE US-PRC CONSULAR CONVENTION" WHICH ALLOWS
PRISONER VISITS EVERY THIRTY DAYS. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACCESS TO WU AT THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY.3. COMMENT: THE TIMING OF CHEN'S CALL IS
INTERESTING COMING AT OOB ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE
RELEASE OF HARRY WU'S VIDEOTAPED "CONFESSION" AND
MAY BE PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE TO THE URGENCY OF OUR
REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ACCESS. THE CHINESE
REFERENCE TO THE TIMING OF OUR NEXT VISIT BEING
"UNDER CONSIDERATION" JUXTAPOSED TO A REFERENCE TO
THE TERMS OF OUR CONSULAR CONVENTION ("NOT LONGER
THAN THIRTY DAYS BETWEEN VISITS") LEAVES ENOUGH
FLEXIBILITY FOR ANYTHING. WHILE WE ARE NOT
OPTIMISTIC, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACCESS AT
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.
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